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**Amendments to the Claims**

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (currently amended) An assembly for movement of a paint tray, said assembly comprising:  
an inner surface defining an upwardly orientated opening ~~through which shaped and configured to receive~~ an end of a paint roller ~~may be inserted down through into~~ said opening for pushing, pulling, rotating and maneuvering the paint tray.
2. (original) The assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said assembly is removably affixed to said paint tray.
3. (original) The assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said assembly is permanently affixed to said paint tray.
4. (original) The assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said opening is circular.
5. (original) The assembly according to Claim 4, wherein said inner surface forms a cup.
6. (original) The assembly according to Claim 1, further comprising a ramped surface.
7. (original) The assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said assembly is removably affixed to said paint tray.
8. (original) The assembly according to Claim 7, wherein said ramped surface is removably affixed to a sidewall of said paint tray.
9. (original) The assembly according to Claim 8, wherein said ramped surface includes at least one post shaped and configured to be received within at least one

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channel in said sidewall.

10. (original) The assembly according to Claim 9, wherein said at least one post is press-fit into said at least one channel.

11. (original) The assembly according to Claim 9, wherein said at least one post is snap-fit into said at least one channel.

12. (original) The assembly according to Claim 8, wherein said ramped surface is also removably affixed to an inner bottom surface of said paint tray.

13. (original) The assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said assembly is permanently affixed to said paint tray.

14. (original) The assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said opening is circular.

15. (original) The assembly according to Claim 14, wherein said inner surface of the assembly forms a cup, said cup having a drain at a bottom of the cup.

16. (currently amended) A paint tray assembly for applying a liquid to a roller, said paint tray assembly comprising:

a bottom side adapted for resting upon a support surface;

a reservoir having a floor and a sidewall extending around said sidewall floor for retaining the liquid; and

an inner surface defining an upwardly orientated opening ~~through which~~  
shaped and configured to receive an end of the roller may be inserted through into  
said opening for pushing, pulling, rotating and maneuvering the paint tray assembly about the support surface.

17. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 16, further comprising a ramped surface disposed within said reservoir.

18. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 17, wherein said opening

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is provided through said ramped surface.

19. (currently amended) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 18, wherein the inner surfaces of said ~~engagement point~~ inner surface forms a cup, said cup having a drain through which liquid deposited from said roller may flow back into said reservoir.

20. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 19, wherein said ramped surface is removably affixed to a sidewall of said paint tray.

21. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 20, wherein said ramped surface includes at least one post shaped and configured to be received within at least one channel in said sidewall.

22. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said at least one post is press-fit into said at least one channel.

23. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said at least one post is snap-fit into said at least one channel.

24. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 20, wherein said ramped surface is also removably affixed to said floor.

25. (currently amended) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 16, wherein an external surface of said paint tray assembly is sloped ~~for forming said paint tray assembly having an external circumference narrower at~~ such that the external surface extends outwardly away from said bottom side of said paint tray assembly where said bottom side rests upon the support surface.

26. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 16, wherein a portion of said sidewall forms a hood which extends up and back over said reservoir to partially enclose said reservoir from above.

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27. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 26, wherein a front edge of said hood includes at least one indentation for hooking and pulling said paint tray by said roller.

28. (original) The paint tray assembly according to Claim 26, wherein a roller retaining portion is provided at a front edge of said hood to retain the roller in an upright position.